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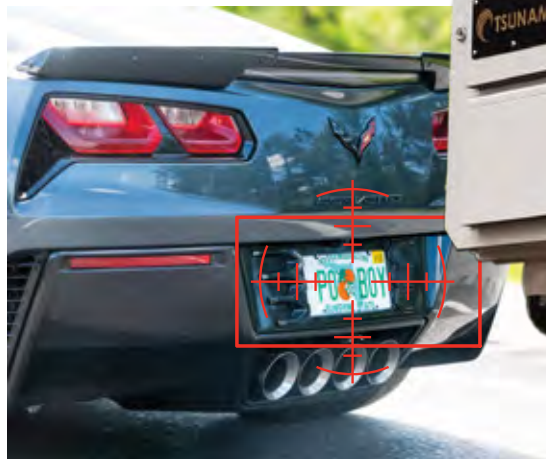
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President's Message

Shaundra Clark, SERC-NAHRO President

Greetings SERC-NAHRO Members!

Conference is the “Magical Opportunities of Housing.” When families are housed, their opportunities for better health, education, and safety are greatly enhanced. Please accept this invitation to the SERC Annual Conference that will be held in Orlando, Florida from June 26, 2023 through June 28, 2023.

The SERC Annual Conference Committee has been diligently planning sessions that will enrich our knowledge thereby helping us to create magical opportunities for the residents we serve.

Topics to be explored in Orlando include strategic planning, DEI, NSPIRE,

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Shaundra Clark,
SERC-NAHRO President

In 1940, Leigh Hairline wrote these lyrics for Disney's adaptation of *Pinocchio*:

***“When you wish upon a star
Makes no difference who you are
Anything your heart desires
Will come to you
If your heart is in your dream
No request is too extreme”***

As most of us know, *Pinocchio*'s greatest dream was to be a real boy. One of my greatest dreams is for every person to have a home. The theme for the 2023 Annual

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SERC-NAHRO Legislative Network



by Yvonda A. Bean, Legislative Committee Chair - CEO, Columbia Housing, SC

Greetings SERC Nation!

We have had two incredibly robust information-sharing opportunities in the last month. First, in Washington, DC for NAHRO's Legislative Conference that included Hill Day Visits, then in Franklin, TN for SERC NAHRO's Committee Meetings. It was great seeing so many affordable housing champions at both. There was a resounding, recurring theme that awareness of the lack of affordable housing in communities is showing progress. Great job, Housers! Let's keep forging ahead and urging Congress to increase federal spending for housing and community development programs.

NAHRO Celebrates 90 Years

This year marks the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials' (NAHRO) 90th anniversary as the leading housing and community development association. Established in 1933, NAHRO's membership includes nearly 20,000 housing and community development providers and professionals throughout the United States. NAHRO members create and manage affordable housing for low and middle income families, and support vibrant communities that enhance the quality of life for all. They administer more than 3 million homes for more than 8 million people. **Happy Anniversary NAHRO!**

AUGUST ADVOCACY MONTH – 90-Day Advocacy Plan

"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."

– Robert Collier

Ahead of August Advocacy Month and in the spirit of NAHRO's 90th Anniversary, SERC Nation is kicking off a 90-Day Advocacy Plan. I am challenging all of SERC-Nation (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee,

Virginia, and West Virginia) to Get Ready! Get Ready! Get Ready!

During the months of May, June, and July, we are taking championing on behalf of the millions of families we serve to the next level. Let's increase our efforts to reach our **residents, our partners and community stakeholders, our local legislative delegation, and our staff:**

- Attend **RESIDENT** meetings to discuss why housing advocacy work should matter to them.
- Identify and engage **PARTNERS and COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS** to discuss impact of housing advocacy work on their missions.
- Identify and engage **LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION** to discuss how an allocation of housing resources could impact their constituents.
- Engage **STAFF** to foster active participation in August Advocacy Month activities.

NAHRO Leadership Elections

NAHRO's current leadership (President and Senior Vice President) terms will end on October 8, 2023, the following is what you should know:

Candidates

- **George Guy**, Executive Director of the Fort Wayne Housing Authority (IN) and current NAHRO Senior Vice President.
- **Sean Gilbert**, Executive Director of the Morristown Housing Authority (TN) and NAHRO Fellow.

NAHRO will provide ongoing election news via the NAHRO Monitor, Direct News, and virtual events. Additionally, candidates will have the opportunity to share messages with voters via email, which NAHRO will transmit throughout the campaign period. Be sure to stay connected to NAHRO's website for more up-to-date information on NAHRO's leadership elections.

Elections

The election will be held in September 2023, and the results will be announced at the National Conference and Exhibition, which is scheduled for Oct. 6-8, 2023, in New Orleans, LA. NAHRO members on record as of Aug. 22, 2023, will be provided with either an electronic, or paper ballot. Members should feel free to direct questions to N&E Chair Cohen or staff liaison, Sylvia Bowen, at sbowen@nahro.org.

SERC-NAHRO MLK BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WEEKEND



2023 SERC MLK Basketball & Cheer Tournament was hosted January 13-15th by The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro, NC.

Housing Authorities throughout the SERC region came together for a

weekend of education, competition, and fun!

The following agencies participated in the weekend's activities:

- Bessemer Housing Authority (AL)
- Dothan Housing (AL)
- Eufaula Housing Authority (AL)
- Mobile Housing Authority (AL)
- Opelika Housing Authority (AL)
- Opp Housing Authority (AL)
- Columbus Housing Authority (MS)
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- Housing Authority of Bowling Green (KY)
- Housing Authority of Paducah (KY)
- The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro (NC)
- Greensboro Housing Authority (NC)
- Columbia Housing Authority (SC)



Ailrick D. Young, ED (Laurel, MS); Felicia Jackson, Assistant ED (Laurel, MS)



Tom Wachs, ED (Eufaula, AL); Sharita Oates, Deputy to the CEO (Goldsboro, NC); and Abraham Williams, ED (Bowling Green, KY)



Yvonda Bean, CEO (Columbia, SC); Courtney Coleman, ED (Bessemer, AL); James Cox, CEO (Greensboro, NC)



Columbia Housing - Basketball Team



Dexter 'Loveboat' Williams former Harlem Globetrotter



Alpha Kappa Alpha Volunteers with Anthony Goodson Jr., CEO (Goldsboro, NC)



Columbia Housing - Basketball Team

In addition to the basketball and cheer competition, participants were able to focus on academic endeavors during the Go-To-High School, Go-To-College - College Fair & Greek Row events, which consisted of numerous colleges and universities from North Carolina.

The weekend culminated in the Sneaker Ball, a red-carpet affair complete with photo opportunities, giveaways, a dance floor, an expansive buffet, and a themed candy bar!

HACG sends its sincerest gratitude to the following for helping make this event a success: HACG Resident Services, HACG Employees, SERC-NAHRO, Brooks Jeffrey Marketing, Inc., Carolina Overhead Doors, Kinetic Minds, Mt. Olive Pickles, Jarran Reed, Stanley Aughtry, the John Wall Family Foundation, Greensboro Swarm, the Colleges and Universities participating in our Go-To-High School, Go-To-College - College Fair, the Gold-Wayne National Panhellenic Council, Alpha Phi Alpha

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SERC-NAHRO MLK BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WEEKEND



Opelika Housing Authority vs Columbia Housing



Eufaula Housing Authority - Basketball Team



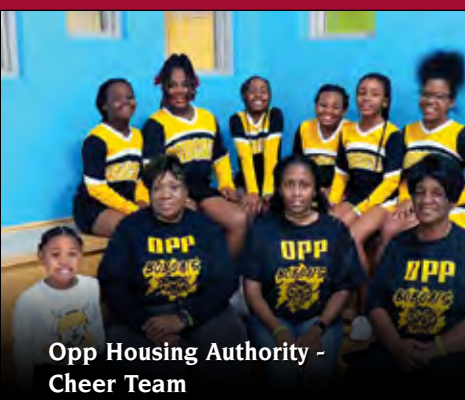
Opelika Housing Authority - Basketball Teams



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Opp Housing Authority - Basketball Team



Opp Housing Authority - Cheer Team



Opelika Housing Authority - 15u Basketball Team



Columbus Housing Authority - Diamond Dolls Dance Team



Congratulations to the 2023 SERC MLK Basketball & Cheer Tournament Champions!



HACG Hornets Cheerleaders
(The Housing Authority of Goldsboro, NC)



12 and under 1st place
Bowling Green Bobcats
(Housing Authority of Bowling Green, KY)



15 and under 1st place
HACG Hornets
(The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro, NC)



18 and under 1st place
Greensboro Vikings
(Greensboro Housing Authority, NC)

Dothan Housing's Landlord Symposium 2022

Helping Build Better Relationships with our Landlord Partners



Left to right: Glynis Tanner, CEO (Montgomery, AL); Kennard Randolph, CEO (Selma, AL); Seth Embry, COO (Birmingham, AL); Samuel P. Crawford, CEO (Dothan, AL); Honorable City Commissioner, Dr. Aristotle Kirkland; Honorable City Commissioner, Attorney Gantt Pierce; Dr. Tamara Berry-Andrews, Chief Housing Officer (Dothan, AL); Shana Demby, CEO (Enterprise, AL); Darold Sterling, CEO (Alexander City, AL); Dr. Michael C. Threatt, COO (Dothan, AL)



Continuing its Attracting, Recruiting, and Retaining initiative, Dothan Housing hosted the Landlord Symposium 2022 on Thursday, November 3, 2022! This innovative event took place from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Dothan, AL.

"As we work to increase landlord participation in our Wiregrass Regional Voucher Program (WRVP), events such as this symposium help build better relationships with our landlord partners," said Samuel P. Crawford,

CEO of Dothan Housing. "We are excited to have hosted industry and community leaders across the state of Alabama to open the dialogue about landlord pain points, and how our agency is removing those pain points through the investment in technology."

Spearheaded by Dothan Housing's Landlord Liaison Jordon Bonner, a medley of panelists consisting of landlords, educational professionals, real estate professionals, non-profit leaders, and the affordable housing industry's shining stars offered insight and answers into leasing through the Section 8 HCV Program! "As the current sole Landlord Liaison in the state of Alabama, it's important for me to advocate for our landlords and investors," Bonner stated.

Dothan Housing's advertising efforts were met with a significant return, having sold out the Landlord Symposium in an agency first. "We understand the need to increase housing choice, enhance our self-sufficiency efforts, and streamline our affordable housing programs through

cost-effectiveness as a Moving to Work agency under the Landlord Incentives cohort," said Dothan Housing's COO, Dr. Michael C. Threatt.

"Our goal is to cut the bureaucratic red tape to make the Section 8 Program landlord-friendly for our public-private partnership by improving the landlord experience."



Dothan Housing

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Samuel P. Crawford, CEO

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New Leadership at Sheffield HA

- Sheffield Housing Authority

Beginning April 1st, Steve Sides will officially join Sheffield Housing Authority as their new Executive Director. Steve has extensive experience within the affordable housing industry, serving as the Executive Director of the Cullman Housing Authority for the last 25 years while also serving as interim for Sheffield for the last year.

Sheffield Housing Authority offers a variety of programs in order to provide their residents new opportunities, such as the ROSS Program, the FSS Program, and the Moving to Work Program.



Steve Sides, ED
Sheffield Housing Authority

PHADA EDEP Graduates

The PHADA/Rutgers University EDEP Program represents a major professional development opportunity for Executive Directors. The program takes a comprehensive look at those critical functions which serve to define the ED's position and provides a structured environment.

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In December 2022, HUD awarded over \$30 million to fund ROSS Service Coordinator positions across the United States.

ROSS Service Coordinators connect residents with supportive services and activities that enable them to make progress towards economic independence and housing self-sufficiency.

Help us congratulate our state's ROSS Grant Recipients:

- **The Housing Authority of the City of Birmingham**
\$511,500
- **Huntsville Housing Authority**
\$511,500





Thank you to all who joined us for the FAHRO ED Forum, it was a fantastic opportunity for us all to come together and discuss the pressing issues that are impacting our agencies.

We want to extend our gratitude to our speakers:

- **Greg Byrne**,
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- **Jamila Davis**, HUD OIG
- **Ric Gilmore**,
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- **Scott Keller and Oscar Anderson**, Legislative Update

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Help us congratulate our state's MTW Program Awards:

West Palm Beach Housing Authority

The West Palm Beach Housing Authority's (WPBHA) vision for its MTW program is to have successful collaborations with community partners that will assist their program participants build and strengthen household assets, provide greater financial security, have better housing options, or achieve home ownership. The program will work with participants to help them increase their income, achieve higher

education, establish banking products, establish and build credit, improve their money management, and increase savings. In addition, WPBHA envisions that the MTW program will facilitate economic mobility and better position participants to attain self-sufficiency.

Housing Authority of Lakeland

The Lakeland Housing Authority (LHA) seeks to establish and constantly explores new opportunities to partner with other communities and agencies to expand additional affordable housing opportunities. LHA will use the additional resources and regulatory and budget flexibility that comes with MTW status to further improve its HCV and public housing programs.

Sanford Housing Authority (managed by Orlando Housing Authority)

The Sanford Housing Authority's (SHA) vision for MTW will further the MTW statutory goals of cost-effectiveness, self-sufficiency, and housing choice. SHA is early in the process of rebuilding its public housing units. SHA's rebuilding will consist of public housing within larger mixed-income communities. SHA envisions drawing upon efficiencies demonstrated to be effective by current MTW public housing agencies (PHAs).

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- **Amanda Hammonds**
Jacksonville Housing Authority

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- **Daytona Beach Housing Authority**
\$195,914
- **The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers**
\$210,474
- **Jacksonville Housing**
\$421,724
- **Winter Park Housing**
\$220,950

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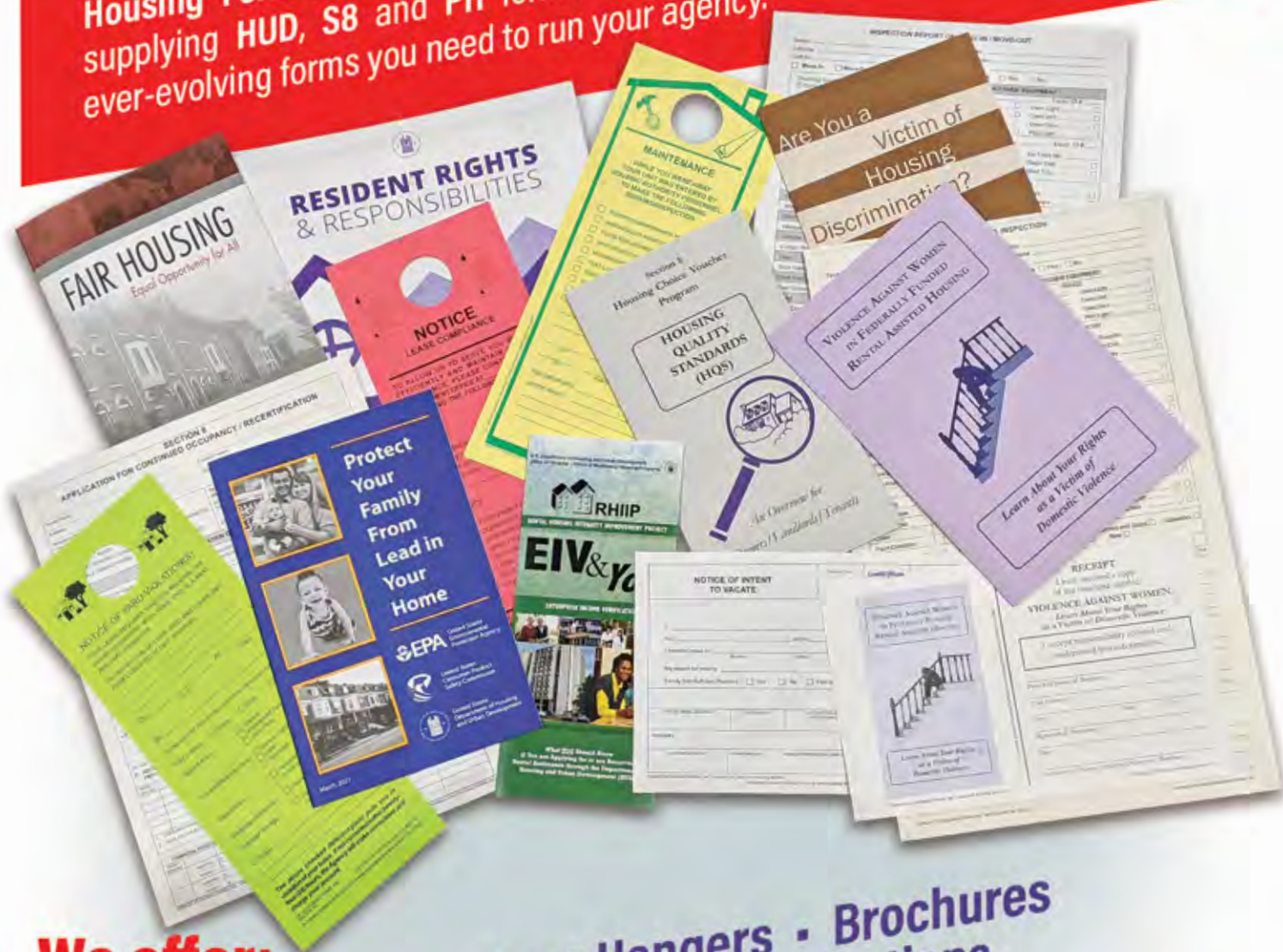
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Jobs Plus Grant Awarded

- Brunswick Housing Authority

The Brunswick Housing Authority was awarded \$2,999,060 in December 2022 to facilitate the Jobs Plus Program!

The purpose of the Jobs Plus Initiative program is to develop locally based, job-driven approaches to increase earnings and advance employment outcomes through work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement technology skills, and financial literacy for residents of public housing. "HUD is committed to lifting individuals and families up by focusing



on the multifaceted issues around poverty," said HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. "Through training, employment, and financial and community support, we are setting people up to be successful for the long term. As we all know, upward mobility is crucial to a better quality of life and that's what makes the Jobs Plus program so powerful. We are giving families what they need to be completely self-sufficient in every way."

Keep up to date with the Brunswick Housing Authority by visiting their website, BrunswickPHA.org.

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Kevin Jones, ED
Buford Housing Authority



Richard Reiter, ED
Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority

Housing Authority of Americus Awards Scholarships

- Housing Authority of Americus

The Housing Authority of Americus held a Scholarship Luncheon presenting Scholarship Awards of \$3,000 each to recipients:



High School Recipients:

- Paris Eberhardt
- J'Niya Thomas
- Demtrice Hurley

Adult Students:

- Felicia Brown (Education Program), South Georgia Technical College
- Cynthia Poke (Nursing Program), South Georgia Technical College

Mr. George Edge, CEO celebrated each of the scholarship winners for their hard work, dedication, and determination in the classroom.

To learn more about the HAA visit their website, AmericusPHA.org.

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Certified Specialist of Occupancy – Public Housing (CSO-PH)

- **Danyale Long**
East Georgia Housing Authority

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- **Brunswick Housing Authority**
\$220,950
- **Gainesville Housing Authority**
\$225,750
- **Hazlehurst Housing Authority**
\$255,750

Hazlehurst Housing Authority Rebrands

- Hazlehurst Housing Authority



The Hazlehurst Housing Authority is proud to announce their new logo and branding which reflects the agency's mission and the surrounding Hazlehurst Community.

Inspired by their local landscape, they incorporated colors from their existing brand with a visual representation of their service to their residents.

Their revitalized branding captures the Hazlehurst Housing Authority's spirit and will be used internally and externally to identify their projects!

Video Surveillance Systems – Asking the Right Questions to Protect Your Communities

by Tsunami - Asheville, NC

Providing safe public housing is one of HUD's key missions. Security camera projects are perhaps the best tool in agencies' toolboxes to accomplish that mission. Unfortunately starting and maintaining a security camera system can be the most confusing and technical endeavor for agencies both large and small. Many security providers make the process overly technical and opaque.

Ocean 10 has seen every security system design under the sun, and we've identified important aspects to look for in a comprehensive video security system.

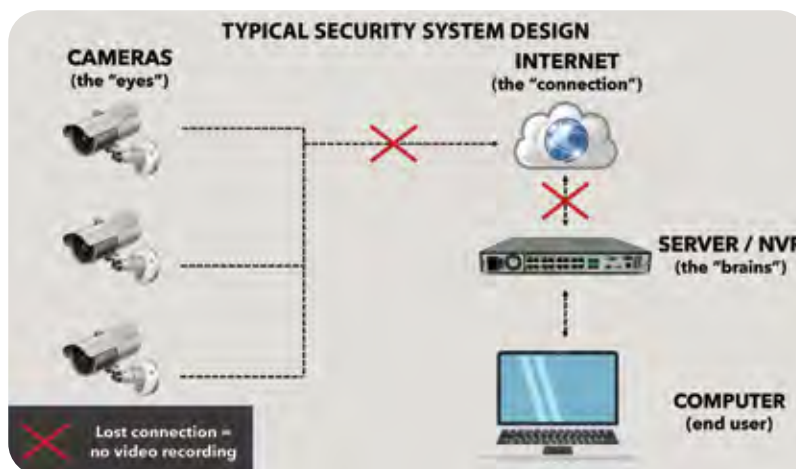
The more parts and components in a security system, the more likely it is to fail.

Video surveillance is more than just cameras. Think of the cameras as the "eyes" of a system. The eyes view information but they need a place to record and store the video footage (i.e. the "brain" of the system). These components also need to transmit information to each other and ultimately send that video footage to your computer or phone.

This creates multiple "links in a chain". When one link breaks, the chain is broken. For instance, many cameras require an internet connection to transmit video back to a central server that is stored inside of an office. When that connection is interrupted, no camera is actively recording video.

The more parts and components in a security system, the more maintenance it requires.

Installing a video security system is just one piece of the project. Technology - especially technology that is kept outside in the weather and



elements - requires regular maintenance for optimal function.

The more parts that a system requires, the more maintenance is required. When components are scattered throughout a community, maintaining the whole system becomes far more challenging. This could be why many security companies will only agree to maintain products for 1 or 2 years. It is quite common for video security systems to become non-operable within 2-3 years due to lack of available maintenance and service. Understanding a company's commitment and plan for maintenance is crucial for longevity of a video security system.

What types of questions should I ask a security provider?

1. What is the cost of installing internet and power to service cameras?
2. How long will a company agree to maintain a security system once installed?
3. What happens if a camera is vandalized?
4. If a server breaks, who fixes it and what is that cost?
5. If a camera loses connection and stops recording footage, how quickly can a technician solve the problem?
6. What is the resolution of the cameras (i.e. how clear is the picture?)

7. If you wanted to upgrade cameras to latest technology, can that be done and what is the cost?

Ocean 10 Security has had the privilege to work with Housing Authorities and Federal agencies in almost every region of the United States. We consistently hear the same stories about the difficulty of finding the right company to both install and maintain video surveillance systems. Asking the right questions can protect your organization from costly installations and subpar service.

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Kentucky Housing Association 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Valissa White - Four-Year \$3,000 Scholarship



Valissa is a student at the University of Louisville where she has earned Dean's List honors with a 4.0 GPA. Valissa is pursuing a degree in Human Resource Management. Her academic achievements, extra-curricular school, and community activities include Vice-President of the University of Louisville

Society of Human Resource Management, tutor and the mentor for students at Jefferson County Community College, youth dance leader, and community food bank volunteer. She is a 2-year resident of the Louisville Metro Housing Authority and is sponsored by LMHA, and their ED Lisa Osanka.

LaTroya Coleman - Four-Year \$3,000 Scholarship



LaTroya is a student at Western Kentucky University where she is pursuing a degree in Counseling. Her extracurricular and community activities include

mentoring youth groups and ROTC. LaTroya is a 3-year resident of the Louisville Metro Housing Authority and is sponsored by LMHA, and their ED Lisa Osanka.

Nellshida Brooks - Four-Year \$3,000 Scholarship



Nellshida is enrolled at Ohio Christian University where she will pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Services. Her extracurricular and community service activities include food pantry volunteer, tutoring, and

mentoring. Nellshida is a 6-year resident of the Housing Authority of Maysville. She is sponsored by the Housing Authority of Maysville, and their ED Peter Jones.

Roderick Maul - One-Year \$2,500 Scholarship



Roderick is working on his Doctor of Education at Western Kentucky University. Roderick has earned Dean's List honors with a cumulative GPA of 4.0. Roderick is pursuing a Doctor of Educational Leadership. His academic achievements and extracurricular and community activities include the WKU Dean's List, Phi Alpha National Honor Society Award, College of Health and Human Services Student

Chairman of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, College-wide recipient of the Dr. Tammy Jeffries Enhancing Communication Award, National Society of Leadership and Success. Roderick is a 3-year resident of the Housing Authority of Bowling Green where he is a tutor and mentor at the HABG Learning Center. He is sponsored by HABG and their ED Abraham Williams.

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- **Campbellsville Housing Authority**
\$239,250
- **Lebanon Housing Authority**
\$239,250
- **Danville Housing Authority**
\$185,218
- **Lexington Housing Authority**
\$235,153

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Jon Adkins, Director of Resident Services
Housing Authority of Covington

Bren Jones, Deputy Director
The Housing Authority of Georgetown



Revitalization Breathes New Life into Canton Community

- Canton Housing Authority

The First Bank (The First) and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) awarded a \$750,000 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) subsidy to Central Mississippi Housing and Development Corp. (CMHDC) for an extensive \$3.9 million renovation of the 64-unit Canton Manor, a 1980s-era affordable housing apartment complex in Canton, Mississippi.

The renovation, which is underway, includes exterior and interior improvements along with amenities to include a new playground.

The apartments will be available to very low-, low- and moderate-income families.

"AHP funding from The First and FHLB Dallas helped move this project forward," said Stanford Beasley, Executive Director of CMHDC and Canton HA. "We are looking forward to presenting the new Canton Manor to the community."

Learn more about this and future development efforts on the CHA website, CantonHousing.org.

Expanding Childhood Literacy and Imaginations

- South Delta Regional HA

South Delta Regional HA was awarded the opportunity to participate in the National Book Foundation's Book Rich Environments (BRE) program. The program promoted a love of reading in children and youth. As part of the program, SDRHA received a total of 899 books to distribute within their community.

SDRHA is one of the first HAs in their area to take part in this outstanding program, for some of their residents this was their first opportunity to physically take a book home to keep that was all their own.

SDRHA partnered with a variety of partners and held various events to distribute these books throughout their community. In addition to their new books, children were given a backpack and snacks.

To learn more about this program please visit the SDRHA website, SDRHA.org.



South Mississippi Housing Authority Launches New Branding and Website

- South Mississippi Housing Authority

South Mississippi Housing Authority (formerly MS HA Region 8) now has launched their new responsive website and updated branding.

Their new branding focuses on their impact across the southern Mississippi region. The colors and icons were inspired by the newly redesigned state flag, with their font drawing inspiration from the classic script of the state of Mississippi.

Additionally, their new responsive website allows site visitors to easily navigate the website no matter what

device is they use (desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone.) It also fully addresses ADA accessibility allowing all residents to easily access the content and features.

Visit the new South Mississippi Housing Authority website at SouthMississippiHousing.org.





Community Partners Come Together to Spread Holiday Cheer

- Jackson Housing Authority

Jackson Housing Authority was able to spread some holiday joy this festive season with their Golden Key Apartment Resident. Golden Key Apartments is a 152-unit elderly/disabled designated property.

Each year, they have a holiday party where residents can come celebrate. In 2022, they partnered with the Good Samaritan Center to have each resident "adopted" by the community.

Stay up to date with Jackson Housing Authority by visiting their website, JacksonHousing.org.



Honoring Dedicated Service

- Corinth Housing Authority

The Corinth Housing Authority recently honored three employees with Certificates of Service for their anniversary milestones and for dedicating many amazing years of work and service to the Corinth Housing Authority.

- **Carol Mitchell** for 25 years of dedicated service
- **Edwina Taylor** for 20 years of dedicated service
- **Nannette Wicks** for 20 years of dedicated service

Dianne Timbes, Executive Director stated, "we are fortunate to have each one of them as part of our

organization. They are an invaluable asset, and I couldn't imagine our workplace without them."

Keep up to date with Corinth Housing Authority by visiting their website: CorinthHousingAuthority.org.



Left to right: Carol Mitchell, Edwina Taylor, and Nannette Wicks

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Certified Public Housing Manager (C-PHM)

- **Kakia Michelle Bogan**
Tupelo Housing Authority

Laurel Housing Authority receives \$511,500 in ROSS Grants

- Laurel Housing Authority

The Laurel Housing Authority received two ROSS grants, worth \$255,750 each.

This grant funding will facilitate the hiring of two new full-time employees to deploy and manage this new program. Both ROSS coordinators will focus on empowering residents to complete their personal goals surrounding housing independence, job training, and self-sufficiency.



"Their job is to connect the residents to resources in the community that will help them achieve self-sufficiency, and to assist the elderly residents to age in place independently. We will work with the families on an individual basis to assess their needs, help them to set goals, and connect them with our community partners to assist them in achieving those goals," said Executive Director Ailrick Young.

Stay tuned for updates as LHA deploys their new ROSS Program by visiting their website, LaurelHA.net.



\$2 Million in Funding for New Innovative Housing

- Housing Authority of the City of Greenville

The Housing Authority of the City of Greenville (HACG) was awarded \$2,085,540 in funding for the construction of "ARISE," an affordable housing community designed specifically for youth and young adults between the ages of 18 – 24 who are transitioning out of foster care.

Due to the shortage of available, affordable housing stock and the lack of needed support networks, many vulnerable youth who qualify for assistance may not find accommodations and/or achieve independent living and consequently could be at risk of becoming homeless.

The HACG currently participates in the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative, partnering with the Pitt County Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide referrals for this program.

ARISE is the first-of-its-kind development and will include the

construction of 20 one- and two-bedroom apartment units with site amenities to include an on-site management/computer/business center with space available for a kitchen, office, and meeting rooms that will serve as a one-stop shop for case management. The residents of ARISE will have the opportunity to participate in life skills training such as basic cooking skills, health and hygiene, home maintenance, relationship management, financial literacy, and career development. The HACG will also partner with East Carolina University and Pitt Community College to ensure residents have every opportunity to further their education. The proposed housing units will be developed on vacant land owned by the HACG and designated for future housing development targeted at this very vulnerable population.

Keep up to date with the progress of this development by visiting the HACG website, GHANC.net.



A Life of Service Remembered, Alphonso Patrick, Jr.

- Forest City Housing Authority

Alphonso Patrick, Jr., 82, of Salisbury, N.C. passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

Born in Salisbury, Alphonso was academically gifted and graduated from Belmont Abbey College in N.C. as the first African American to attend The Abbey in 1958 and graduate in 1962.

Alphonso began a trailblazing career at Housing & Urban Development (HUD) in Philadelphia and Lancaster, PA. He moved his family to Hartford, CT in 1967 to run Pres. Lyndon Johnson's new Model Cities Program and earned a Masters of Public Administration from University of Hartford. Afterwards, he served Housing Authorities in Petersburg, VA, Omaha, NE, Maricopa County, AZ, and Bessemer, AL. At the time of his passing, he was the executive director of Forest City (N.C.) Housing Authority.

Mr. Patrick will long be remembered for his dedicated service within the affordable housing industry.

New Leadership at Lincolnton HA

- Lincolnton Housing Authority

After 12 years of dedicated services, Barbara W. Bynum is stepping into the role of Executive Director of the Lincolnton Housing Authority. She first joined the housing authority in 2010 as the Public Housing Admin Assistant and Technician. Bynum has been with the agency ever since, serving in a variety of capacities.

Barbara brings a wealth of experience to this role with numerous Nan McKay certifications and years of hands-on housing experience.

Congratulations Barbara on your new role with Lincolnton Housing Authority!



HUD Awards \$500,000 Choice Planning Grant

- Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro

The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro (HACG) was awarded a \$500,000 planning grant along with the City of Goldsboro. This community award is designed to stimulate high-quality, affordable housing and economic development in the West Haven community.

HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative promotes a comprehensive approach to transforming neighborhoods struggling to address the interconnected challenges of distressed housing, inadequate schools, poor health, high crime, and lack of capital.

"The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant is a game changer for the residents of West Haven and the surrounding community, this proves, that when we as a community work together, we can accomplish great things," said HACG Chief Executive Officer Anthony Goodson, Jr.

To see how HACG deploys this program, keep up to date by visiting their website HACG.org.



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\$234,325
- **Roxboro Housing Authority**
\$189,380
- **Lumberton Housing Authority**
\$222,456
- **Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority**
\$233,108
- **Forest City Housing Authority**
\$255,750
- **Lenoir Housing**
\$255,750
- **Rocky Mount Housing Authority**
\$255,750

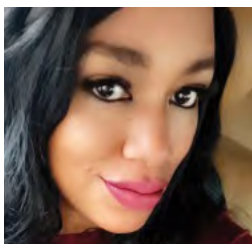
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Lumberton Housing Authority



Dominique J. Dunn
Director of Housing Operations
Durham Housing Authority

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Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **David Washington**
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **Latricia Grace**
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **Martin Rios**
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **Ashley Easley**
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **Shelly Parker**
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC

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Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **Latricia Grace**
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **David Washington**
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **Ashley Easley**,
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC
- **Shelly Parker**,
Inlivian, Charlotte, NC

Certified Specialist of Family Self-Sufficiency (CSFSS)

- **Kimberly McGuire**
Wilmington, N.C.

Certified Specialist of HCV Homeownership (CSHO)

- **Kimberly McGuire**
Wilmington, N.C.



Year of Innovation and Celebration at Columbia HA

Improvements will Assist the Agency in Reaching Residents

Columbia Housing (CH) was excited to end 2022 with several instances of innovation and celebration.

Building Dedication Ceremony

On November 15th, Columbia Housing held a building dedication ceremony and open house to showcase the renovated central office building and Resident and Family Services Center.

The original office building was built in 1980, but only occupied the first floor. Rental office space for the public was located on the second floor. Today, their administrative offices occupy the entire 2-story building. The new energy-efficient renovations feature significant technology and infrastructure upgrades in all staff offices, conference rooms, and common spaces.



Additionally, the newly renovated building, **Resident and Family Services Center**, served the community in a variety of ways, first as a daycare center. The building was repurposed as a health center during

the HOPE VI revitalization of the community. After the community health center was relocated, CH consolidated all of its Resident and Family Services activities under one roof.

“The improvements will assist the agency in reaching their residents efficiently and will provide a working environment designed with the specific needs of the agency in mind.”

Signing of their New MOU with Midlands Technical College

Later that month, they were able to celebrate the signing of their new MOU with Midlands Technical College to celebrate their partnership. “We are thrilled to have a relationship that will help many of the people we serve to attend school at no cost to them.

“This is a life-changing opportunity for everyone who takes advantage of the program.” - said Columbia Housing CEO Yvonda Bean.

Residents Received CH Fleece Blankets & One-On-One Time with CEO

Finally, to celebrate the holiday season CEO Yvonda Bean knocked on the doors of more than 200 residents to greet senior residents. Each senior received a special CH fleece blanket to keep them warm during the chilly winter months. Residents were also given one-on-one

facetime with Bean and the opportunity to visit with the CEO.



Wrapping up 2022 was an excellent time to reflect on all accomplished during the year, and begin planning and preparing for all 2023 has in store.

To learn more about Columbia Housing, visit their website ColumbiaHousingSC.org where you can sign up for text or email notifications when they have news to share!



Columbia Housing

Columbia, SC

PH: 1,887

HCV: 4,154

Yvonda Bean, CEO

ColumbiaHousingSC.org



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Taleshia Stewart, SVP Resident and Strategic Initiatives
Columbia Housing



Shaunté Evans, CEO
Spartanburg Housing



Jennifer Hammond, ED
York Housing Authority

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South Carolina Regional Housing Authority #3 - South Carolina Regional Housing Authority #3's (SCRHA3) vision is to promote personal, economic and social upward mobility to provide families the opportunity to make the transition from subsidized to non-subsidized housing. SCRHA3 will use MTW flexibility to create locally designed MTW activities that embody and advance its vision.

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Certified Specialist of HCV Homeownership (CSHO)

- **Teneasha Perkins**
Columbia Housing

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\$172,359
- **Housing Authority of Lancaster**
\$255,750
- **South Carolina Regional HA #3 (Barnwell)**
\$469,420
- **Rock Hill Housing Authority**
\$233,010

Digital Transformation for Conway HA

- Conway Housing Authority

The Conway Housing Authority has launched its new responsive website!

It was a priority for the agency to address ADA Accessibility on their new website, so all residents can easily access information and resources.

Their new website features a Calendar of Events, News Modules, and an Interactive Communities map. The website also debuts the agency's new logo and branding.

To keep up to date with Conway HA, visit their new responsive website, ConwayHousingSC.org.





State Legislative Update:

On March 27-28, 2023, the TAHRA Legislative Committee arranged for a Legislative Day on the Hill in Nashville, where members visited with our Honorable State Senators and Representatives to discuss various affordable housing issues. Due to COVID, it had been a few years since TAHRA had the chance to meet for a Legislative Day on the Hill.

With assistance from Harris Frazier Government Relations, on Monday, March 27, 2023, at the Nashville Main Public Library, the Legislative Committee hosted a workshop about "How to Meet with Legislators," conducted by State Representative Dale Carr (Sevierville). On Tuesday, we visited with the legislators, presented a "position letter," and gave all the legislators something to remember us by.

Although Tennessee legislation normally has less of an effect on the operation of public housing authorities, especially funding, there are areas where state legislation can have an important impact, such as landlord/tenant and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)'s issues.

One such bill is SB1085/HB0879. It was sponsored by Representatives Dale Carr and Senator Page Walley (Savannah). The bill allows housing

authorities participating in mixed-financed projects to form a self-insured pool. This is a money-saving piece of legislation that will help mixed-finance public housing projects throughout the state.

On March 21-24, 2023, many TAHRA members visited Washington, D.C., attending the NAHRO Washington Conference. During the conference, the Tennessee contingency met with our various Honorable Representatives and two honorable U.S. Senators: Blackburn and Hagerty. Tennessee Tuesday, a mainstay for years to meet, talk to, and take pictures with the Tennessee Senators, was held on Wednesday.

Finally, the TAHRA Legislative Committee continues to advocate for the needs of the resident population that we serve and thanks all TAHRA members for their continued support.



Micheal A. Miller - Executive Director
Bolivar Housing Authority
TAHRA Legislative Committee Chairperson

TAHRA Scholarship Winners:

Each year, TAHRA awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors or college students living in public or assisted housing. The TAHRA Scholarship committee reviews all applicants and selects individuals to receive these awards.

TAHRA is proud to announce our 2022 Scholarship winners:

- **Roxana Velez**
Morristown HA
- **A'Shonti Butler**
MDHA
- **LaQueena Cox**
Humboldt HA
- **Cora Johnson**
Crossville HA
- **Julian Love**
MDHA
- **Peyton Holt**
MDHA
- **James Miller**
Humboldt HA
- **Jhonnaya Wilcox**
Covington HA
- **Farrence Williamson**
MDHA

For more information on how to apply for 2023 Scholarship Opportunities, please visit the TAHRA website, TAHRAnet.org.

Gallatin HA and South Carthage HA Launch New Websites

- Gallatin HA and South Carthage HA

Gallatin Housing Authority and South Carthage Housing Authority have launched their new responsive websites.

Each new responsive website allows site visitors to easily navigate the website no matter what device they use (desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone). They also fully address ADA accessibility allowing all residents to easily access the content and features.

Residents can keep up-to-date with agency happenings by reviewing their responsive news modules and archive of press releases.

Visit the new Gallatin Housing Authority website at GallatinHA.com and the South Carthage Housing Authority website at SouthCarthageHA.com.





Passing the Torch

- McMinnville Housing Authority

The McMinnville Housing Authority is proud to announce the promotion of Pamela (Pam) Vaughn to Executive Director.

Pam has been employed by MHA for over 30 years, most recently serving as the Assistant Executive Director and Accountant. Pam successfully completed her CPA certification after starting work at the agency. She brings with her a wealth of experience for her years of hands-on housing experience.

After nearly 60 years of dedicated service at McMinnville HA, Patricia Basham is excited to pass the torch on. Patricia will continue to work with MHA on special projects as she transitions to retirement.

Join us in welcoming Pam and thanking Patricia for her lifetime of service to the residents of McMinnville Housing Authority.



Left to Right: Pam then Patricia



To learn more about McMinnville HA visit their website: MMHATN.org.

Leading Change for Residents Beyond Housing

- Dickson Housing and Waverly Housing

Sherry Lynch, Executive Director of Dickson Housing and Waverly Housing, was reappointed to a 6-year term on the Health & Education Facilities Board by the City of Dickson, TN mayor.

Understanding the multifaceted challenges that her residents face and serving on local and regional government boards, allows for Sherry to spur meaningful change and advocate for her residents outside the affordable housing industry that still positively impacts the lives of her residents.

Sherry was appointed to the board beginning in 2020 to complete the term of the late Buford "Booty" Reed.

Advocation for our residents, both within the affordable housing industry and beyond, helps ensure that the needs of those we serve are taken into

account at a city, county, state or national level.

To learn more about Dickson Housing and Waverly Housing, visit their website DicksonHousing.org.



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Help us congratulate our state's ROSS Grant Recipients:

- **Chattanooga Housing Authority**
\$511,500
- **Maryville Housing Authority**
\$196,971
- **Newport Housing Authority**
\$255,750



PHADA EDEP Graduates

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Help us congratulate our state's 2023 EDEP Graduate:



Emel Alexander
Director of Community Development
Metropolitan Development & Housing Agency



21st Century Program Reaches Residents

- Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority understands the profound impact youth services can have the life of a child, so they partner to provide their youth with as many opportunities as possible!

Their youth services committee has partnered with the 21st Century program and assisted in managing

logistics for summer programming. Forty youths participated in the 4-week program, participating in math, reading, and science activities to expand their understanding.

Participants also engaged in physical fitness, arts/music enrichment (photography, music lessons), and social-emotional learning activities to

broaden their horizons beyond a STEM curriculum.

Field trips included the National Museum of African American History, Monticello/Carter Mountain, VA Beach Oceanfront, and Luray Caverns.

To keep up with the other youth services opportunities, visit the PRHA website PRHA.org.

New Leadership at RRHA

- Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority

The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority's (RRHA) Board of Commissioners has voted Steven Nesmith the Agency's next Chief Executive Officer (CEO). A former Assistant Secretary at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and former Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Commerce Department Economic Development Agency, Mr. Nesmith took the helm of the organization at the beginning of October 2022.

"Our Board is thrilled to welcome Steven as our next CEO. He has breadth and depth of knowledge combined with his passion and experience will ensure that RRHA strengthens its commitment to our residents and re-establishes itself as a leader in the creation of affordable housing," said RRHA Board Chairman, Commissioner Barrett Hardiman. "Steven is excited to build lasting partnerships with everyone in the community to deliver the best possible outcomes for our residents and our city."

No stranger to public housing, Mr. Nesmith grew up in a public housing community and also served on their Resident Council.

Nesmith received his undergraduate degree from American University and his law degree from Georgetown Law School, both in Washington D.C.

Join us in welcoming Mr. Nesmith and keep up with RRHA by visiting their website, RRHA.com.



Richard Nesmith
New ED for RRHA

VAHCDO Annual Conference

Join us May 10-12th at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel for the VAHCDO Annual Conference.

Book your hotel now to guarantee group rate and availability!

This year's conference will include excellent educational opportunities as well as fantastic FUNraising opportunities.

This year, join us at our TopGolf FUNdraiser; individual player and team packages (6 members) are available for those wanting to participate.

Players will be in for a great time while raising money that goes directly to the VAHCDO Scholarship program for outstanding students.

Player registration includes 3 hours of TopGolf, refreshments, a 50/50 drawing, and trophies for the top 3 teams (and unlimited bragging rights.)

The event will also be a wonderful networking opportunity to share thoughts and ideas with fellow housing and community development professionals and vendors!

For more information visit the VAHCDO Website, VAHCDO.org/Conferences.html.



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David Bustamante, ED
City of Roanoke Redevelopment
and Housing Authority



Stacey Daniels-Fayson, CFO
Hampton Roads Workforce Council



Missy Delby, Deputy Director
Wytheville Redevelopment
and Housing Authority

2023 Scholarship Opportunities

The Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials 2023 Scholarship Process is now open!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Wanda Daniel, Scholarship Chairperson - Richmond
Redevelopment and Housing
Authority: 804.780.4832 or wanda.
daniel@rrha.com

The following **MUST** be submitted with the application:

- A copy of high school transcripts listing: Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Ranking (MINIMUM 2.5 CUMULATIVE GPA).
- Two **SIGNED** letters supporting the character, achievements, and potential for education and career advancement of the applicant. One of the letters **MUST** be from a school official (principal, counselor, teacher, etc.). The other

letter must be from a minister, coach, employer, or any person with significant knowledge of the applicant.

- A **SIGNED** sponsorship letter from the Executive Director of the Housing Authority in which the applicant resides.

Full applications and all qualifying information is available online on the VAHCDO Website.

Applications and support documents must be received by March 24, 2023.

No applications will be accepted by facsimile (fax) transmission. All applications must be received as one complete package scanned and emailed to Chairperson. Transcripts or letters mailed directly to the Scholarship Chairperson will also not be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

To apply online or learn more about this opportunity, please visit, VAHCDO.org/Scholarships.html.

NAHRO Certifications

NAHRO offers a wide variety of certifications for specialized skill-sets for Housers. Help us congratulate:

Certified Specialist of Eligibility and Calculation – Housing Choice Vouchers (CSEC-HCV)

- **Brian Reagan**
Loudoun County Department of Housing & Community Development, VA
- **Timi Myers**
Loudoun County Department of Housing & Community Development, VA

Certified Specialist of Occupancy – Public Housing (CSO -PH)

- **Jasmine Talada**
Villages at Lincoln (Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority)

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- **Bristol Housing Authority**
\$131,781
- **Suffolk Housing Authority**
\$200,696



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First VASH Homeownership Voucher Deployed in the Nation

- Housing Authority of Mingo County

The Housing Authority of Mingo County partnered with The Veterans Administration and Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State to provide the first VASH Homeownership Voucher in the nation!

The Holton Family in Cabell County, WV was the first family in the United States to utilize a VASH voucher to purchase a home utilizing a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State.

Because of this partnership, the Holton family was able to purchase the home with assistance in payments toward the home for the life of the loan. This is another great program partnering with various organizations that provide affordable housing to low-income families.

For more information on this groundbreaking program, visit the HAMC website MingoHousing.com.

Reaching Residents Online

- Mt. Hope Housing Authority

The Mt. Hope Authority has launched its new responsive website!

It was a priority for the agency to reach out and reach their residents and applicants digitally. Not only making information more accessible but also increasing efficiency for their team.

Their new website addresses ADA Accessibility, keeping information easily accessible.

Their new website features many staff photos so residents can put a face to the name of staff they may not have had the opportunity to meet with in person.

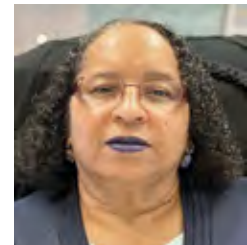
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Gwendolyn Dowell, ED
Bluefield Housing Authority



Anthony Webster, Deputy Director
Bluefield Housing Authority

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Help us congratulate our state's ROSS Grant Recipient:

- **Wheeling Housing Authority**
\$195,657



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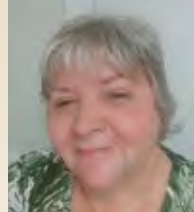


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